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CSD HOLDS FINAL 2001 SMALL CLAIMS COURT CLINIC WEDNESDAY

The Miami-Dade County Consumer Services Department (CSD) will this Wednesday hold the final session in its series of Small Claims Court Clinics for this year. It takes place at the Joseph Caleb Community Center, 5400 NW 22nd Avenue in Miami, beginning at seven o'clock.

At this session, Consumer Advocate, Leonard Elias, will outline the Small Claims Court process in a step-by-step manner, from the initial filing through the collection on a judgment. He will explain how to prepare, what to expect, and will also provide a packet of sample legal forms.

Elias, who has been a practicing attorney since 1975, was Assistant Attorney General and Consumer Counsel in the Florida Attorney General's Office before joining the Miami-Dade County Consumer Services Department. He has been the Consumer Advocate at CSD since 1987.

The Small Claims Court Clinics are free and open to the public. Reservations are not required.

Next year's series of clinics will begin January 3rd in the City of North Miami Beach, at the McDonald Center, 17051 NE 19th Ave. [See attached schedule.]

For additional information, please call the Consumer Hotline at (305) 375-3677 [END]

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The Miami Dade Consumer Services Department is an agency of Miami-Dade County government that protects consumers through complaint mediation, business regulation, and consumer education. The Department operates the Consumer Hotline (305) 375-3677, a central telephone number for consumer complaints and information.